

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 7, 9, 13, and 19, and add claim 23 corresponding to claim 19. Claims 6, 10 and 11 are canceled and re-presented in independent form as claims 20-22, respectively.

✓ 1. (Twice Amended) A ballistic armor panel for attaching to an object, the panel comprising a carrying board, said board being made of hard material, said board having a peripheral portion and a receiving portion, said peripheral portion being integral with the receiving portion, wherein said receiving portion having is provided with a structure defined by a honeycomb form made of a hard metal or composite material formed with a plurality of adjoining through-going polygonal apertures having polygonal cross-section, each aperture ~~receiving~~ accommodating therein a body made of a hard material, said body having a corresponding polygonal cross-section matching cross-section of the respective aperture shape made of hard material and said body having a longitudinal axis coaxial with an axis of the respective aperture.

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2. (Previously Canceled)

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5. (Previously Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

✓ 7. (Amended) A ballistic armor panel according to Claim 2 1, wherein ~~the~~ walls of the apertures taper from a face thereof facing the object.

✓ 8. (Original) A ballistic armor panel according to Claim 1, wherein the bodies are fixed to the carrying board by an adhesive substance.

✓ 9. (Amended) A ballistic armor panel according to Claim 1, wherein the bodies are defined by an axial length and the board is defined by a thickness, wherein the axial length of said bodies does not exceed the thickness of the ~~carrying~~ board.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

✓ 12. (Original) A ballistic armor panel according to Claim 1, wherein a layer of resilient material is provided intermediate the object and the carrying board.

✓ 13. (Amended) A ballistic armor panel according to Claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ wall thickness between adjoining apertures is between about 0.5mm to 1mm.

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14. (Previously Withdrawn)

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✓ 17. (Previously Added) A ballistic armor panel as in Claim 1, in which the hard material of the body is a ceramic composition.

✓ 18. (Previously Added) A ballistic armor panel as in Claim 1, in which the hard material of the body is silicon carbide.

19. (Amended) A ballistic armor panel as in Claim ~~1~~ 20, wherein adjoining sides of the bodies ~~inserted~~ accommodated in adjoining ~~polygonal~~ apertures are parallel to each other and separated by aperture wall having thickness of about 0.5 mm to 1 mm.

✓ 20. (New) A ballistic armor panel for attaching to an object, the panel comprising:
a carrying board made of a hard metal or a composite material formed with a plurality of adjoining through-going polygonal apertures having annular rims being flush with a face of the carrying board remote from the object; and
a plurality of bodies made of hard material and having polygonal shape corresponding to the shape of the apertures,
wherein each polygonal aperture accommodating a body of the plurality of bodies with a longitudinal axis of each body being coaxial with an axis of the respective aperture.

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✓ 21. (New) A ballistic armor panel for attaching to an object, the panel comprising:
a carrying board made of a hard material formed with a plurality of adjoining through-going polygonal apertures and having bores for attaching to the object; and
a plurality of bodies made of hard material and having polygonal shape corresponding to the shape of the apertures,
wherein each polygonal aperture accommodating a body of the plurality of bodies with a longitudinal axis of each body being coaxial with an axis of the respective aperture.

✓ 22. (New) A ballistic armor panel for attaching to an object, the panel comprising:
a carrying board made of a hard material formed with a plurality of adjoining through-going polygonal apertures and attached to the object by fasteners extending through the apertures; and
a plurality of bodies made of hard material and having polygonal shape corresponding to the shape of the apertures,
wherein each polygonal aperture accommodating a body of the plurality of bodies with a longitudinal axis of each body being coaxial with an axis of the respective aperture.

23. (New) A ballistic armor panel as in Claim 21, wherein adjoining sides of the bodies accommodated in adjoining apertures are parallel to each other and separated by aperture wall having thickness of about 0.5mm to 1mm.